

City of San Diego Teen Court

COURTROOM SCRIPT (Bailiff)

This script is only a sample of the script that may be provided on the day of your Teen Court session.

BAILIFF: Here ye, here ye. All rise. All those having business before this honorable court come forward and be heard. The Honorable [name of judge] presiding. The City of San Diego Teen Court is now in session.

JUDGE: Please be seated. Good evening. I want to thank each and every one of you for being here and participating in Teen Court.

The business of this court is very serious. The defendants who appear before you today are guilty of the charges that have been made against them. They have violated a law of the State of California and have voluntarily chosen to come before this court to have a jury of their peers decide what sentence, if any, they should receive.

Even though the defendants have violated the law, they deserve your respect and attention. It takes courage for the defendants to be here and I am sure that if you were in their shoes, you would want a fair hearing. Therefore, everyone in the courtroom must remain quiet during the proceedings and give their complete attention to what happens here.

JUDGE: At this time, I would like to address the **oath of confidentiality**. Defendants in the juvenile system are guaranteed confidentiality. Therefore, you must all swear that you will not discuss any specific information about the cases you will hear today.

In a moment I will swear you in as jurors. As part of your swearing in, you must agree that you will not divulge any defendants' names or any information about their cases outside of this room.

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BEGINNING OF EACH CASE**

JUDGE: Will all of Team _____ **1 (Red Team), 2 (Blue Team), 3 (Purple Team), 4 (Green Team)** jurors, attorneys, court clerk and bailiff, please take their places for trial.

You are now instructed to give your complete attention to the evidence and arguments about to be presented. Remember that the defendant is guilty of the charge made against him or her. Your sole duty is to determine what sentence, if any, is fair and appropriate.

Will the Bailiff please call order to the courtroom.

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JUDGE: "Will the Clerk please announce the title of the first/next case?"